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SECOND NAVRATRA

Maa Brahmcharini

Second incarnation of Maa Durga is called Brahmcharini. It comprises of two words, 'Brahm' which means meditation while 'Charini' stands for implementation of character of meditation. She is also called 'Uma'. She has got a Kamandal (Vessel) in her left hand while 'Mala' (string of beads) in the right. Worshipper of this Devi gets power to resist and fight under all odds. Mantra of Goddess Brahmcharini to be recited nine times is :-

"Om Hreeng Aing Bhagwati Brahmcharini Mum Sarvam Sarv Shatroom Vash Manay Thaa Thaa Swaha."

ॐ ह्रीं ऐं भगवती
ब्रह्मचारिणीं मम सर्वम् सर्वं
शत्रून् वशं मानय ठां ठां स्वाहा

PM hits out at INDI Alliance

On fulfilling guarantee of abrogating Article 370, they talk in language of Pakistan: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHOPAL: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hit out at the opposition's INDIA grouping saying that its leaders were working to protect the corrupt, and abusing and threatening him to hinder the country's development.

"When Modi gives a guarantee of the country's security, they abuse me. When Modi fulfills the guarantee of abrogating Article 370 (which had granted a special status to Jammu and Kashmir), they start talking in the language of Pakistan," Modi said at a rally in Madhya Pradesh's Balaghat district which will go to polls on April 19.

He said: "I say remove corruption, they say save the corrupt".

"Modi bows either before Lord Mahakal or the public, and for the development of



the country and its service, I have also learnt to tolerate abuse," he said.

Opposition leaders also abused him when he fulfilled his guarantee of carrying out the consecration of Lord Ram's idol at the Ayodhya temple, Modi claimed.

The Lok Sabha elections were a mission for building a new India, he said, seeking the people's blessings to take "big and historic decisions" in the third term of the BJP-led NDA government.

The "sea of saffron" that had gathered to hear him showed what the poll results on June 4 would be, Modi said.

Congress has sounded the bugle against the country by forming the "INDI alliance", the prime minister said, adding that these parties fight with each other but claim to have come together to stop him.

"But in reality, they do not want to stop Modi. Those in the INDI alliance want to

stop the development of the country," he said.

"That is why they are abusing and threatening me. I have left everything to dedicate myself to the mission of serving the country. For Modi, Bharat is my family. Those who have come into politics to fill their own coffers should not abuse me," he added.

"I say remove corruption, they say save the corrupt. The people of the alliance have this enmity towards me. I will expose the money from corruption that has gone into their coffers. This work will be done at a faster pace in the next five years," the PM said.

"Hundreds of crores of rupees are openly available with the dynastic parties. Note-counting machine gets tired and breaks down when they count this money.

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Thousands throng Vaishno Devi shrine on first Navratri

Shat Chandi Yagya sets tone for celebrations



'Shat Chandi Maha Yagya', a special Hawan being organised by SMVDSB.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Thousands of devotees from across the country thronged the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir as the nine-day long 'Chaitra Navratri' commenced on Tuesday.

'Shat Chandi Maha Yagya', a special havan organised by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi

Shrine Board (SMVDSB), was performed at the holy cave amidst the serene aura besides other rituals on the auspicious occasion, a spokesperson of the board said.

He said the sacred rituals at the shrine, located atop Trikuta hills, spanning across the Navratri are being performed to foster harmony,

abundance and good health for all.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; K. K. Sharma, Member, SMVDSB; Vikas Anand, SDM Bhawan; other officers and staff of the Shrine Board, besides a large number of pilgrims were

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Leh Admin lifts prohibitory orders imposed ahead of 'border march'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Authorities in Leh on Tuesday ordered withdrawal of prohibitory orders banning rallies imposed earlier in an apparent move to counter a march to the China border announced by Leh Apex Body (LAB).

The restrictions were being lifted as "now there is no imminent apprehension of breach of peace and public order", according to an official order.

The order, issued by Leh District Magistrate Santosh Sukhadeve, directed for withdrawal of the restrictions under prohibitory orders with immediate effect.

The proposed border march on April 7 to Changtehng near the China border was called off by the organisers to "avoid any sort of confrontation with the law enforcement agencies" after the administration imposed prohibitory orders in this district of Ladakh under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code and directed that no procession, rally or march should be taken without prior approval.

"Whereas, certain restrictions were imposed under Section 144 of CrPC (on April 5) to prevent any breach of peace and

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2 killed as truck hits motorcycles in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two people were killed and as many were injured on Tuesday when a speeding truck hit their motorcycles on Dhar road in Udhampur district, police said.

The victims, aged between 24 and 26 years, were heading for Sukrala Mata temple on two motorcycles to pay their obeisance on the start of 'Chaitra Navratri'

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Shawal moon sighted, Eid to be celebrated in J&K today: Grand Mufti


■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The crescent for the month of Shawwal was sighted in Jammu and Kashmir, therefore Eid-ul-Fitr will be celebrated on Wednesday, Grand Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam said on Tuesday evening.

he said that enough evidences were received from various parts of J&K about sighting of the crescent,

He said that the consultative committee headed

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.0°C Min: 17.3°C

Humidity
Max : 39 Min : 30

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 24.9°C Min: -1.3°C

Humidity
Max : 60 Min: 22

Sunset : 18:56 Hours
Sunrise : 06:08 Hours

Displaced KPs celebrate Navreh in Jammu, vow to observe it in Kashmir next year

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The displaced Kashmiri Pandits, clad in colourful pherans and carrying 'thals', celebrated Navreh, the first day of the New Year according to the Kashmiri Hindu calendar, in Jammu on Tuesday.

They vowed to make concerted efforts to celebrate the festival in the valley next year.

Miles away from their homes in Kashmir, which they left in 1990 due to terrorism, they celebrated the 35th Navreh in exile. The Saptarishi calendar entered its 5100th year on Navreh.

"We congratulate the people

Haryana Guv joins KPs in Navreh celebration, promises to restore valley temples

SRINAGAR: Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya on Tuesday visited an ancient Shiva temple in Srinagar and joined the Kashmiri Pandit community in commemorating 5,100 years of their existence through the celebrations of Navreh -- the Kashmiri New Year. Dattatreya promised the devotees to renovate the old temples in the Kashmir valley and restore their pristine glory.

A large gathering of Kashmiri Pandits and locals under the banner of Vishwa Kashmiri Samaj celebrated 'Saptarishi Samvat-5100' at a function at the historic Vichar Nag temple here on Tuesday, a spokesperson of

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of India, particularly the nine communities celebrating the New Year (Nav-varash) today. We congratulate the Kashmiri Pandits, whose 5100th year of the

Saptarishi Hindu calendar has started today," former legislator Ajay Bharti told reporters. "This calendar is actively followed by

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Lt Governor greets people on Eid -ul-Fitr

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr.

In his message, the Lt Governor said, "On the joyous occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr; I convey my heartiest greetings and good wishes to all.

Eid-ul-Fitr marks the culmination of the pious month of Ramzan and symbolizes brotherhood, unity, compassion, harmony and the spirit of sharing. The festival inspires us to dedicate ourselves to the service of humanity.

May the holy festival bring good health, happiness and prosperity in everyone's lives".

HC dismisses Kejriwal's plea challenging arrest

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a massive blow to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, the Delhi High Court on Tuesday upheld his arrest in a money laundering case stemming from the alleged excise scam, saying the material collected by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) revealed that he conspired and was actively involved in use and concealment of proceeds of crime.

It also chastised the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor for questioning the timing of his arrest and underlined that an investigation against the "classes and masses" cannot be different.

The court rebuked Kejriwal for "casting aspersions" on the judicial process with his claim about an approver in the case against him making donations to the BJP through electoral bonds, saying the law relating to approvers was over 100 years old and not enacted to falsely implicate the politician.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma dismissed the AAP leader's petition challenging his arrest and subsequent remand in ED's custody and asserted that there was no contravention of legal provisions as the agency had enough material in its possession.

"Courts are concerned with constitutional morality and

not political morality," she asserted.

"Material collected by ED reveals that Kejriwal conspired and was involved in formulation of excise policy and used proceeds of crime. He is also allegedly involved in personal capacity in formulation of policy and demanding kickbacks and secondly in the capacity of national convenor of AAP," said the judge while pronouncing the order in court.

"The material placed before the court by the ED included statements of hawala dealers and statement of candidate of AAP who fought elections in Goa in 2022. This court holds that ED was

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Border area got family bunkers, roads, towers, reservation in 10 years: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HIRANAGAR/MAREEN: Union Minister and BJP Candidate for Udhampur-Doda-Kathua Lok Sabha constituency Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Tuesday that it was only the last 10 years after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over that the people along the International border got Family Bunkers, road network upto zero line, towers, toilets and also 4% reservation in government jobs and admission to higher education institutions.

Not only this, Dr Jitendra said, it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who suggested that the last village on the border should not be referred to as last village but



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh leading youth bike rally along IB through border villages up to zero line on Tuesday.

rather should referred as "first" village, which would not only give esteem to that area and people living over there but also will be kind of

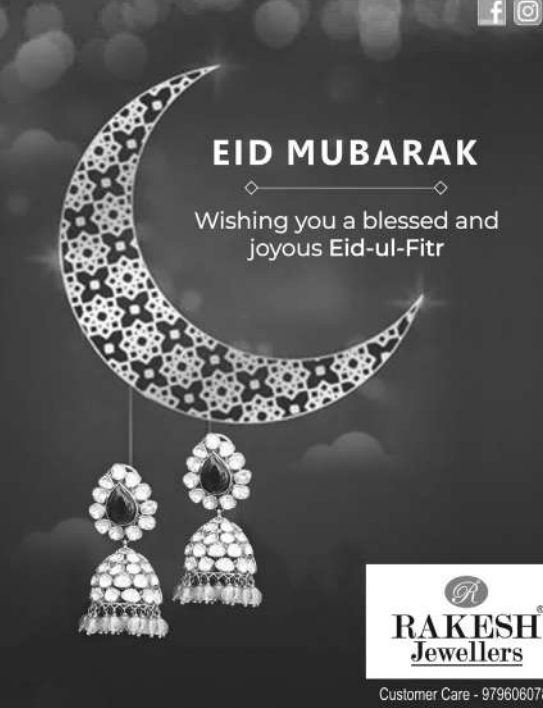
recognition that the territory of India starts from that border village inwards toward the rest of the hinterland.

While participating and

addressing a mega youth bike rally organised by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morch (BJYM), which covered the entire stretch of

International border covering all the border villages up to zero line before culminating at Kootah, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, before 2014, the people living in the border area constantly felt insecure and lived under constant fear of cross firing from across the border happening at any time and the then Congress government and its allies did not pay any heed to their plight in spite of the fact that the people living here constitute the first line of defence in case of a foreign aggression. He said, with the terrorism and insurgency being on higher side during the UPA rule, it was a common scene to see people getting uprooted from the

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